

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 523 - HB 495**

February 13, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (003861):** Enacts the *Topical Medical Waste Reduction Act of 2023*. Authorizes unused portions of certain topical medications administered during a surgical procedure to be offered to a patient for continuing treatment upon discharge.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on the policies or procedures of the Department of Health or health-related boards.
- To the extent that patients will require fewer prescriptions for certain topical medications, there may be a reduction in state, local, and federal expenditures. However, based on information provided by the Division of Benefits Administration and the Division of TennCare, any such decrease is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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